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SUBJECT: POSSIBLE ATTENDANCE AT UNECA/OAU CONFERENCE IN

NOUAKCHOTT BY DEPUTY DIRECTOR ACTION

1. WOULD MUCH APPRECIATE IT IF AF/W COULD MAKE SOME DISCRETE INQUIRIES (PERHPAS FROM IO/OIC DIRECTOR JULIUS WALKER) TO OBTAIN ANSWERS TO FOLLOWING QUERIES PLUS ANY OTHER BACKGROUND WHICH MAY BE AVAILABLE.

2. PAT DUMONT HAS REPORTED IN SERIES OF PEACE CORPS TELEGRAMS THAT ACTION DEPUTY DIRECTOR MARY KING AND CORALIE TURBITT HAVE BEEN INVITED BY UN - ADDIS ABABA OFFICE TO ATTEND INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE SPONSORED JOINTLY BY UNITED NATIONS ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR AFRICA AND ORGANIZATION AFRICAN WNITY

SCHEDULED TO CONVENE IN NOUAKCHOTT SEPTEMBER 27 TO OCTOBER 2 ON "INTEGRATION OF WOMEN IN PLANS FOR DEVELOPMENT". LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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KING AND TURBITT HAVE BEEN INVITED AS "OBSERVERS" TO "REPRESENT PEACE CORPS". FOLLOWING ARE PC MESSAGE CITATIONS: NOUAKCHOTT 2058 - EYES ONLY FOR SAM BROWN AND MARY KING; 2112, 2113, 2125 EYES ONLY FOR MARY KING, AND 2126 WHICH GIVES LIST OF COUNTRIES AND ORGANIZATIONS WHICH ARE SENDING DELEGATIONS TO NOUAKCHOTT CONFERENCE.

3. REFLECTING AT ONCE HIS OWN PHILOSOQICAL BENT AND CURRENT PEACE CORPS-WASHINGTON DOCTRINE (E.G. SAM BROWN AT ABIDJAN COM CONFERENCE), PAT IS PLAYING PEACE CORPS ATTENDANCE AT THIS INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE VERY CLOSE TO HIS VEST, AND CLEARLY WANTS TO KEEP MAXIMUM POSSIBLE DISTANCE BETWEEN MARY KING AND U.S. DIPLOMATIC MISSION TO MAURITANIA. I HAVE NO OBJECTION TO THIS TACTIC, PROVIDED (1) MARY KING AND CORALIE TURBITT ARE IN FACT ONLY PEACE CORPS OBSERVERS AND ARE NOT RPT NOT ACCREDITED U.S. GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVES/OBSERVERS, AND (2) MARY KING DOES NOT RPT NOT EXPECT THIS EMBASSY OR THIS AMBASSADOR TO STEP FORWARD WITH ROLLED OUT RED CARPET TOPROFFER OFFICIAL WELCOME AND REPRESENTATIONAL HOSPITALITY WHICH WOULD ROUTINELY BE EXTENDED BY CHIEF OF MISSION IN "NORMAL" SITUATION.

4. IT WOULD BE GREAT HELD TO KNOW: (1) IS USG SENDING REPRESENTATIVE OR OBSERVER DELEGATION (MADE UP POSSIBLY OF USAID PERSONNEL) TO UNECA/OAU NOUAKCHOTT CONFERENCE ON WOMEN IN DEVELOPMENT; (2) ARE MARY KING AND CORALIE TURBITT A PART OF THIS USG DELEGATION?; (3) ARE KING AND TURBITT INDEPENDENTLY OR BY THEMSELVES BEING ACCREDITED TO UNECA/OAU CONFERENCE AS USG OBSERVERS BY IO/OIC?; OR (4) ARE KING AND TURBITT IN FACT COMING INFORMALLY AND ONLY AS "PEACE CORPS OBSERVERS" TO UN CONFERENDUMCCLYLER MINISTER SOCIAL AFFAIRS AISSITA KANE WHO IS ACTING IN EFFECT AS OFFICIAL GIRM HOSTESS FOR UN/OAU CONFERENCE HAS REPORTEDLY EXPRESSED GREAT INTEREST IN HAVING MARY KING ATTEND. IT IS NOT CLEAR AT THIS POINT HOW LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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